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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, and School Committee,

OF THE TOWN OF

# BELMONT,

FOR THE YEAR

Ending March First,

**1871.**

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# REPORT.

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## Paid Outstanding Bills and Orders.

N B Gale for money hired	\$661 92
“ “ “	362 99
S B Knowles	62 83
G W Weymouth	263 24
C P Clay	141 25
“ “	707 25
“ “	815 79
N Hunt	14 40
J Moody	1 60
“ “	1 62
“ “	50 75
“ “	106 98
“ “	411 12
L P Wiggin	275 00
J M Knowles	40 00
“ “	89 08
S Hadley	128 04
“ “	527 55
“ “	131 99
“ “	557 08
“ “	110 71
M A Lougee	25 51
J B Fifield	50 00
B Gilman	897 43
J L Keasar	136 68
J S Kimball	363 86

D H Maxfield	250 00
L A Willard	7 41
M H Philbrick	138 76
L Williams	729 72
E French	50 00
A E Bartlett	250 00
T Clark	34 67
B P Gale	375 55
M A Lakeman	40 00
S L Taylor	79 79
L Sanborn	72 25
S E Willard	50 00
H Wadleigh	100 00
S Page	56 91
P Page	35 30
N Rundlett	31 01
J Farrar	881 00
“ “	5 50
C P Clay	1500 00
E M Willard	69 88
N F Foster	86 25
“ “	212 33
N Rundlett	192 38
J S Towle	138 63
N Ellsworth	69 44
N S Plumer	32 90
L Plumer	80 70
“ “	96 08
J Plumer	67 50
“ “	79 65
“ “	123 45
“ “	42 14
R Plumer	108 43
“ “	54 00
O H McClary	16 48
M C Lyford	41 44

M C Lyford	128 37
S Farrar	69 26
“ “	65 64
A E Bartlett	141 11
B P Leavitt	65 17
“ “	32 46
“ “	290 64
J Sanborn	152 46
“ “	150 60
“ “	50 00
S A Abbott	528 33
J C Cilley	110 93
“ “	165 59
“ “	400 00
A Libby	148 67
J Moody	135 00
J Foster	118 49
“ “	107 30
G C Durrell	35 49
J B Robinson	93 00
N Robinson	34 57
“ “	3 75
J F Lamprey	50 95
“ “	42 16
S B Society	145 79
E A Rowe	131 04
T J Sanborn	101 20
“ “	102 05
J S Kimball	75 00
J S Jaques	457 40
G F Dalton	106 55
J Tucker	109 18
“ “	76 72
R Sanborn	116 16
“ “	118 65
J Lane	134 28

J Lane	135 95
" "	132 68
A B Hall	10 75
" "	45 76
M A Perkins for abatement of tax 1869	9 04
B B Lamprey for labor on highway 1869	1 50
J F Kimball balance for bridge "	9 00
J S Chase labor on highway "	12 25
W M Leonard for town clerk "	43 37
" " office rent for selectmen "	7 00
" " notifying jurors "	3 00
J S Weymouth services as selectman "	20 50
J C Akeley making & repairing roads "	112 70
J W Wells money over paid "	214 68
J B Bean soldiers bounty 1862	143 25
N D Garmon watering trough 1869	3 00
N D Garmon abatement of taxes 1865	11 45
E E Evans damage to land 1869	5 00
D T French services as selectman 1869	11 00
O A J Vaughan printing check list "	9 00
J G Cate services as selectman "	11 00
L P Wiggin money hired	330 11
S Clark " "	345 52
G W Norris	7 66
M E Randlett	226 48

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\$19 789 23

### Paid for Highways and Bridges.

N D Garmon for labor and material for bridge	\$2 60
N D Garmon for labor on new road	62 00
J B Fifield " " "	12 50
G T Dalton " " "	8 00
J C Weymouth " " "	34 00
D E Bachelder lumber for new road	1 75
D E Bachelder land damage	6 00
E. Brown " "	44 00

M. Sargent land damage	2 00
S. N. Jewett labor on highway	6 85
J. G. Cate labor & expense on roads & bridges	17 31
Brown & Simonds lumber for Union bridge	47 17
J. Willard for bridge plank	12 65
N. D. Garmon labor & expense on road & bridge	10 00
S. Bickford labor on highway	14 76
G. W. Norris " "	2 00
" " " "	7 50
D. Sawyer bridge plank & labor on highway	20 91
W. J. Farnar labor on highway	6 26
A. B. Young stone for culvert	2 25
J. M. Roberts labor on highway	36 16
" " " "	5 25
G. W. Holcomb blacksmith work	95
G. P. Folsom labor on road and bridge	2 17
J. F. Lamprey stone and damage to fence	4 00
J. Willard labor on bridge	2 50
J. B. Fuller labor on highway	1 00
G. D. Ladd labor on Tucker bridge	20 00
J. Blaisdell bridge plank and labor	10 00
A. Thompson labor and iron for bridge	4 56
A. Rundlett labor on bridge	18 00
D. T. French labor & material on Tucker bridge	16 05
J. Tucker labor and lumber on " "	15 04
A. W. Brown labor on bridge	1 50
J. Hall labor on highway	5 25
S. Jewett " "	2 50
G. D. Chamberlain labor on highway	2 00
S. Brown bridge plank	11 90
C. B. Gile labor on bridge	2 00
" " " new road	23 50
J. C. Cilley labor on new road	37 00
L. Davis " "	9 50
R. R. Whicher " "	9 50
E. F. Semple labor and lumber on new road	26 38
E. Brown " " "	1 50

J. S. Towle labor on highway	23 22
J. F. Heath       "       "	3 60
O. Rundlett labor on new road	19 25
J. F. Heath labor on highway	3 60
G. W. Weymouth labor on new road	13 20
W. H. Dalton       "       "	5 50
J. Twombly       "       "	1 00
C. Huntoon       "       "	10 00
C. S. Sawyer       "       "	12 00
J. Y. Weymouth       "       "	36 00
M. O. Seavey       "       "	8 50
J. S. Kimball       "       "	12 00
N. F. Foster       "       "	34 50
E. Chandler       "       "	43 00
J. Sayward       "       "	7 50
J. B. Dearborn       "       "	20 50
B. Fifield       "       "	6 00
Brown & Simonds lumber for road & bridge	69 35
E. Chandler labor on Union bridge	2 00
M. Sargent iron for bridge	4 76
M. A. Lakeman stone and damage to land	10 00
J. Kimball labor & damage to fence and land	10 00
B. J. Cate labor on roads and bridges	8 50
N. F. Foster labor on Union bridge	6 00
J. C. Foster       "       "       "	5 00
"       "       "       new road	37 50
Brown & Simonds for bridge plank	7 63
J. Sanborn       "       "	17 02
G. W. Plumer for labor on highway	6 00
N. D. Garmon labor and expenses on new road	13 00
J. G. Cate       "       "       "       "	46 73
N. D. Garmon for labor and lumber for bridge	7 95
I. Mooney for board of O. & J. C. Rundlett on new road	4 50

I. S. Thompson labor on new road	174 50
R. L. Farrar labor on highway	5 50
H. L. Folsom labor on highway	1 50
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	\$1281 93

### . Paid Current Expenses.

G. W. Rundlett for watering trough	\$3 00
O. A. J. Vaughan printing town reports & blanks	41 00
W. H. Sanborn interest table	1 25
I. Blaisdell for Auditors	4 00
B. W. Sanborn for books and stationary	19 23
J. Call for use of Hall	15 00
N. Raudlett for school district No. 2	600 00
E. Tuttle for watering trough	3 00
E. Mallard for guide boards	10 28
County tax	953 32
E. H. Leavitt damage to sheep by dogs	12 50
J. J. Ladd " " "	21 00
J. T. Judkins " " "	4 00
C. A. Hackett " " "	4 00
Several school districts	1130 95
I. S. Thompson school district No. 5	175 00
State tax	1656 00
N. Johnson Jr., stationary	1 25
E. A. Hibbard counsel fees	7 00
F. A. Randlett for watering trough	1 50
B. M. Sanborn for taking depositions	2 00
W. M. Leonard for notifying jurors	4 50
" " room rent for Selectmen	10 00
N. D. Garmon recording invoice	5 00
J. Sanborn damage to sheep by dogs	15 00
J. W. Wells for perambulating town lines	7 75
" " interest on money hired	27 15
I. Mooney for board of Selectmen	45 23

Treasurer of parsonage fund	7 51
J. Y. Weymouth for school district No. 4	12 00
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	\$4799 42

### **Paid for Paupers in and out of Town.**

N. S. Seavey for Mrs. Moulton	\$1 75
S. Dicy for E. Fifield	34 00
“ “ “	48 00
S. Dicy for E. Fifield and A. Danforth	25 84
“ “ “ “	34 52
D. T. French for E. Varney	14 12
“ “ “	1 50
C. Rollins “ “	4 50
S. L. Currier for E. Currier	47 77
“ “ “	33 00
“ “ “	12 23
N. S. Seavey for C. Gerry	1 65
S. Ladd for N. Gale	5 00
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	\$263 88

### **Paid Physicians Bills.**

N. L. True for Mrs E. Varney	\$9 50
W. A. Bucklin “ “	7 50
“ “ “ “	12 00
A. J. Thompson “ “	7 50
W. A. Bucklin for C. V. Knowles	6 00
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	\$42 50



**Paid Town Officers.**

N. D. Garmon services as Selectman	\$50 00
“ “ “	20 00
J. G. Cate services as Selectman in town	53 50
“ “ “ out of town	33 50
D. T. French “ “	17 00
“ “ “ in “	61 90
C. B. Gile collector	48 77
W. M. Leonard town clerk	46 20
J. W. Wells town treasurer	30 00
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	\$360 87

**Paid Abatement of Taxes.**

P. Farrar	8 74
C. Randlett	2 40
E. G. Folsom 1869	11 30
H. Sargent	3 39
N. F. Foster	3 63
J. W. Farrar	8 64
W. M. Clark	2 40
M. A. Perkins	9 60
W. H. Dalton	13 60
J. C. Cilley collector for 1868	22 39
“ “ “ 1869	16 10
J. Sanborn “	11 30
C. W. Knowles	76
J. Y. Weymouth collector for 1869	20 91
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	\$125 16

**Treasurer's Account**

John W. Wells Treasurer, in account with the town  
of Belmont. *Dr.*

To amount due town on settlement March 1.

1870

\$2875 70

To cash hired of O. G. Sanborn	150 00
" E. G. Folsom	100 00
" S. E. Willard	26 50
" John Moody	572 07
" C. P. Clay	1664 29
" Charles C. Currier	100 00
" J. D. Bean	625 00
" J. B. Sanborn	140 00
" A. Dicy	143 25
" E. E. Evans	50 00
" C. W. Green	100 00
" J. C. Sanborn	300 00
" R. S. Whicher	100 00
" L. P. Wiggin	575 00
" J. French	25 00
" D. T. French	100 00
" J. W. Wells	170 00
" J. D. Bean	275 00
" T. Clark	60 00
" J. D. Bean	250 00
" J. W. Gilé	150 00
" E. G. Folsom	200 00
" A. G. Leonard	125 00
" J. B. Fifield	100 00
" N. F. Foster	300 00
" E. G. Folsom	100 00
" "	100 00
" M. J. Fifield	90 00
" B. Fifield	170 00
" A. E. Bartlett	141 00
" J. D. Bean	200 00
" N. Rundlett	192 38
" J. Plumer	312 74
" R. Plumer	162 43
" N. F. Plumer	32 90
" L. Plumer	176 15

To cash hired of N. Ellsworth	69 44
" " J. S. Towle	138 00
" " G. W. Norris	4 00
" " W. A. Bucklin	200 00
" " H. W. Gilman	150 00
" " J. M. Bachelder	50 00
" " J. C. Cilley	50 00
" " "	73 00
" " A. A. Sargent	300 00
" " E. E. Evans	50 00
" " H. Wadleigh	200 00
" " G. Swain	1000 00
" " B. Fifield	200 00
" " J. F. Lamprey	40 00
" " J. C. Cilley	40 00
Received of County for N. Gale	5 00
" " " C. Gerry	1 00
Cash hired of J. D. Bean	500 00
" " J. C. Masen	375 00
" " W. S. Fifield	50 00
" " A. S. Ladd	200 00
" " J. M. Bachelder	50 00
" " P. Page	35 00
Received of I. Mooney	5 00
Cash hired of O. Rundlett	100 00
" " L. J. Dearborn	75 00
" " M. J. Lougee	230 00
" " "	25 50
" " S. Hadley	557 00
" " "	527 50
" " "	131 90
" " "	128 00
" " E. G. Folsom	200 00
" " M. F. Lamprey	60 00
" " C. J. Gross	100 00
" " H. W. Gilman	200 00

Received of J. C. Carrier	2 00
Cash hired of J. Gile	50 00
“ E. G. Folsom	1110 00
“ L. J. Dearborn	25 00
“ M. E. Heath	100 00
“ F. E. Gile	50 00
“ S. Clark	385 52
Received of Savings bank tax	681 27
“ railroad tax	69 78
“ literary fund	67 57
Cash hired of J. Lane	402 91
“ M. E. Randlett	226 48
“ J. M. Bachelder	50 00
Received of C. B. Gile Collector for 1870	8045 00
“ J. Y. Weymouth “ 1869	395 11
“ J. C. Cilley “ “ 1868	38 49
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	\$28 765 43

### Recapitulation.

Paid out standing bills and orders	\$19 789 23
Paid highways and bridges	1 281 93
Paid current expenses	4 799 42
Paid pauper bills	263 88
Paid physician's bills	42 50
Paid town officers	360 87
Paid abatement of taxes	125 16
Cash on hand	2 102 44
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	\$28 765 43

JOHN W. WELLS, *Treasurer*

JAMES G. CATE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
DANIEL T. FRENCH,	
NICHOLS D. GARMON,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Belmont.</i>

March 1, 1871—The undersigned has carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance due the town of the sum of two thousand one hundred and two dollars and forty-four cents.

IRA BLAISDEL, *Auditor.*

### Indebtedness of the Town.

We find the town indebted for out standing orders as follows, including principal and interest:

John W. Wells	10 84	Uriah Lamprey	257 81
Parsonage fund	50 00	W. Lamprey	129 83
" "	69 00	S. Maxfield	320 77
F. S. Fifield	38 00	L. A. Simonds	82 86
Sally Page	66 69	L. A. Sanborn	126 90
Joseph T. Judkins	149 70	J. S. Weymouth	112 36
Benj. Fifield	250 08	E. Keasor	1009 32
Joseph T. Judkins	73 07	E. Keasor	121 09
Caroline Mooney	209 18	E. M. Smith	1009 32
Sally Page	227 27	Uriah Lamprey	125 66
G. W. Norris	21 33	G. F. Cate	124 49
J. L. Keasor	423 49	J. B. Robinson	501 90
J. L. Keasor	282 38	N. Robinson	439 00
J. L. Keasor	237 51	M. F. Lamprey	63 64
G. C. Durrill	139 30	J. H. Fifield	90 13
D. Durrill	54 74	J. F. Heath	93 91
A. E. Bartlett	147 89	N. S. Hunt	67 13
J. Randlett	112 36	D. Durrill	146 71
M. H. Sweatt	133 92	P. Page	36 39
M. H. Sweatt	80 92	C. J. Gross	61 53
H. Wadleigh	66 47	C. Batchelder	93 43
D. H. Maxfield	135 03	E. O. Bean	372 12
H. Tucker	135 02	G. W. Norris	2 23
S. A. Maxfield	65 66	D. H. Maxfield	306 94
N. Randlett	102 60	W. Lamprey	118 76
D. F. Cook	476 66	L. Ladd	120 68
M. S. Dudley	25 33	M. F. Lamprey	36 00
H. F. Tucker	77 95	C. Clifford	120 68
T. Clark	129 86	J. B. Robinson	1250 80
L. Ladd	389 72	N. Robinson	90 81

J. C. Cilley	594 38	Louisa Sanborn	55 94
W. Lamprey	120 99	D. Glidden	167 74
H. A. Weymouth	29 54	S. Piper	139 31
I. S. Thompson	293 53	L. A. Simonds	69 60
M. A. Lakeman	30 27	J. Tucker	110 82
N. Pulsifer	117 70	D. Glidden	333 12
G. W. Norris	5 87	M. G. Glidden	22 15
L. Ladd	112 60	H. Tucker	99 94
D. Glidden	112 60	C. Mooney	360 05
H. W. Gilman	145 63	E. E. Evans	77 61
L. A. Willard	60 88	L. A. Willard	55 37
S. E. Willard	85 13	M. Kimball	106 15
C. Shepard	93 11	G. D. Chamberlain	240 75
D. H. Maxfield	70 12	S. C. Hill	339 04
M. J. Pierce	115 86	E. Longee	469 94
J. Pierce	112 36	A. S. Ladd	109 18
J. A. Allen	57 69	L. Ladd	53 99
J. H. Fifield	48 68	L. Ladd	162 99
J. Tucker	326 23	A. S. Ladd	162 99
Sarah Piper	114 95	J. B. Sanborn	540 52
J. P. Lawrence	109 06	J. H. Sweatt	211 89
E. French	58 71	J. Tucker	54 60
T. Clark	89 87	J. S. Towle	112 85
S. E. Willard	7 06	B. Fifield	49 65
L. A. Willard	57 05	C. E. Love	53 80
M. C. Moody	113 96	W. H. Pearsons	134 62
J. C. Cilley	343 22	A. S. Ladd	161 51
J. C. Cilley	75 57	G. R. Smith	2 59
L. Moody	774 78	N. Randlett	63 45
A. P. Yeasor	161 15	L. Ladd	107 12
M. F. Lamprey	68 14	J. Mathews	53 80
H. D. Cilley	227 03	J. French	48 39
A. T. Bean	174 93	H. E. Marsh	537 60
J. P. Cilley	3 36	E. G. Folsom	564 01
R. S. Ladd	657 31	G. P. Dearborn	32 22
C. B. Cook	11 32	O. H. Kimball	107 06
J. F. Heath	307 75	G. W. Norris	5 30
C. E. Heath	16 30	C. E. Moody	3 06
M. J. Hall	79 16	D. Glidden	106 97
M. J. Hall	1 11	J. French	32 08
S. Dicey	39 60	G. F. Dalton	181 38
S. Dicey	13 47	C. J. Gross	106 59
H. W. Gilman	282 61	E. G. Heath	9 12
N. F. Foster	112 14	C. Shepard	639 18
A. Knowles	33 65	John Cate	548 08
I. S. Thompson	335 80	G. F. Cate	111 74

J. B. Sanborn	26 60	A. A. Sargent	308 15
S. Piper	212 85	J. F. Lamprey	41 25
E. G. Folsom	106 18	J. C. Cilley	41 25
B. Fifield	53 10	G. Swain	1025 00
O. S. Sanborn	109 15	J. C. Randlett	15 75
S. E. Willard	28 10	O. Randlett	102 10
S. Dacey	105 88	J. C. Randlett	3 00
E. G. Folsom	105 88	J. D. Bean	508 42
J. Moody	470 25	S. Hadley	537 30
C. P. Clay	221 77	"	131 45
J. D. Bean	660 11	"	567 48
C. C. Carrier	105 62	"	130 43
J. B. Sanborn	147 84	A. S. Ladd	203 87
C. W. Greene	105 08	M. A. Lougee	25 79
J. C. Sanborn	316 25	M. E. Randlett	228 51
R. S. Whichee	105 38	O. Randlett	1 50
D. T. French	105 35	F. E. Gile	50 14
J. French	26 36	H. W. Gilman	201 10
J. Lane	424 16	J. W. Gile	50 18
A. G. Leonard	131 47	S. Clark	385 91
N. Hunt	115 45	J. M. Batchelder	50 04
J. D. Bean	288 75	L. J. Dearborn	75 75
E. G. Folsom	209 27	J. M. Batchelder	50 50
J. B. Fifield	54 50	M. A. Lougee	231 92
J. W. Gile	156 50	E. G. Folsom	201 53
N. F. Foster	314 55	C. E. Heath	2 50
J. D. Bean	261 22	L. J. Dearborn	25 08
E. G. Folsom	104 50	M. E. Heath	100 15
J. Plummer	326 78	J. Weeks	27 81
R. Plummer	149 02	B. S. Russell	242 18
L. Plummer	184 67	E. G. Folsom	1102 56
N. S. Plummer	34 36	A. Dicy	151 60
E. G. Folsom	104 45	E. E. Evans	52 75
N. Ellsworth	4 32	J. W. Wells	178 80
J. D. Bean	207 00	T. Clark	62 86
J. M. Batchelder	51 68	M. J. Fifield	93 96
N. Ellsworth	71 70	B. Fifield	175 82
J. S. Towle	142 98	A. E. Bartlett	145 94
J. C. Cilley	51 57	H. F. Tucker	198 58
W. A. Bucklin	206 00	G. W. Norris	4 12
H. W. Gilman	153 75	E. E. Evans	51 36
J. F. Lamprey	53 52	B. Fifield	204 60
H. Wadleigh	104 30	J. C. Mason	379 56
M. A. Lakeman	154 50	W. S. Fifield	50 50
J. C. Cilley	75 05	P. Page	35 31

M. F. Lamprey  
C. J. Gross

60 35  
100 50

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\$41058 67

### Claims Due the Town.

Cash in hands of town treasurer	\$2102 44
Taxes in hands of L. Bennett collector for 1866	
not collected	28 00
Taxes in hands of J. C. Cilley collector for 1868	
not collected	117 14
Taxes in hands of J. Y. Weymouth collector for	
1869 not collected	353 21
Taxes in hands of C. B. Gile collector for 1870	
not collected	895 79
United States bounties	2315 00

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5811 58

Amount of outstanding orders including int'st 41058 67

Claims due the town 5811 58

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Indebtedness of the town over means \$ 35247 09

JAMES G. CATE,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Belmont.</i>
DANIEL T. FRENCH,	
NICHOLAS D. GARMON,	

IRA BLAISDELL, *Auditor.*



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

District No. 1—Summer School. Miss Laura J. Currier, teacher. This school in some respects has been called rather a hard school to govern, but Miss Currier succeeded admirably, she maintained good order, the classes were well arranged and the instruction thorough and practical.

Winter School. Miss Louisa A. Eaton, teacher. Miss Eaton has had a high reputation as a teacher and she fully sustained it in this school. At my first visit, some of the larger classes, were deficient in the rudiments of some of the most important branches, but at the closing examination, I noticed they had made great improvement and were very thorough.

The Prudential Committee, should receive a due share of credit for so judiciously obtaining the services of two such successful teachers.

District No. 2—J. Kilburn, Prudential Committee. Summer School. C. Belle Randlett, teacher. This teacher was a resident of the district, and though it was her first attempt at teaching, she succeeded very satisfactorily. She labored hard for the improvement of her scholars, and we hope her efforts were appreciated. The long needed improvement in this district, has at last been made. During the past year a fine, large and commodious school-house has been erected, which is as much an ornament to the district, as the old 'Brick' was a disgrace.

Winter School. Miss Susie J. Edgerly, teacher. This teacher had taught five schools before taking charge of this and as far as we were able to ascertain had always given good satisfaction. At the examination, she gave unmistakable evidences of good qualifications. At our first visit, we saw nothing why the teacher should not have gone through the school well. The classes were well arranged, the order good and most of the scholars studious and interested. Towards the close of the fifth week of the term, some difficulties arose not easily overcome, in consequence, a large majority of the scholars were withdrawn from the school but it is thought, could there have been an understanding between parents and teacher, and the blame rested where the blame belonged, all would have been convinced that the teacher was not so much at fault, as was at first supposed. If the parents in this district, and every other district, would visit

the schools, there would be less fault found with the teachers. Those scholars who did remain in the school till the end of the term, made good improvement.

District No. 3—Samuel Currier, Prud. Com. Summer School. Miss Annie R. Shaw, teacher. This teacher has had considerable experience and is a faithful and successful one. The general appearance of the school was good. The progress very fair.

Winter School. Clarence L. Clough, teacher. This was the teacher's first school. He gave evidences of being a good scholar, and at my first visit, good results were predicted, but at the closing examination, there was a lack of thoroughness which is essential in making a school a successful one, it was evident that some of the scholars had passed over some very important rules, that they did not understand.

District No. 4—J. H. Pitfield Prud. Com. Summer School. Miss Eliza W. Tebbitts, teacher. Miss Tebbitts was a very fine scholar and a faithful and efficient teacher, she had a pleasant disposition, and had an easy manner of imparting instruction to those under her charge. Good progress was made in the various studies pursued and particularly in grammar and arithmetic.

Winter School, Miss Georgia B. Perley, teacher. Miss Perley is a finely educated and accomplished teacher, and came here highly recommended. Good order was maintained without apparent effort. The school was well classed. The attendance was remarkable (as shown by the register) 13 scholars were not absent one half day and of the whole number of scholars 29, the average attendance 27, bears good testimony for the scholars and teacher. The committee was not able to visit the school at its close, but learns from those that were present, that it was a very profitable term and one with which the parents were well satisfied.

District No. 5—I Thompson Prud. Com. Summer School, Miss Fannie D. Pearsons, teacher. This teachers long acquaintance with this school and consequent understanding of the disposition and ability of each scholar, made her services valuable in this district. Considering the large number of scholars in this school, the order was better than could reasonably be expected. The teacher was unwearied in her exertions to make her scholars fully comprehend what they passed over. The examination was very interesting it being interspersed with singing, a dialogue and other recitations.

Fall Term, Same teacher. This school was visited by the committee at the commencement, and was properly notified by the teacher of its close, but failed to get notice in season to make a second visit, but from what is already known of the reputation of this teacher, the school was without doubt, an entire success. It was a great advantage to this district, in having two terms in so close proximity.

Winter School Otis L. Sanborn, teacher. This is the largest and most advanced school in town, and as a matter of course, requires an experienced and competent teacher to manage it, and in our estimation, there is no one better qualified for the position, than Mr. Sanborn. His accumulating knowledge of the profession, has enhanced his usefulness. In his mode of government, he exercises superior judgment. His manner of explanation, is clear and comprehensible. Everything pertaining to the school was satisfactory to the committee. The parents and citizens, by contributing the board and wood, have added a third term of eight weeks to their school, which is a good example for other districts to follow.

District No. 6—E. G. Folsom, Prud. Com. Summer and Winter Schools. Mrs. Mary C. Folsom, teacher. This teacher has had years of experience as a teacher, and doubtless, understands her vocation. She labored incessantly for the advancement of her scholars and seemed desirous of improving their moral character, as much as their limited amount of knowledge, and the kind feelings manifested by the scholars towards their teacher the last day of the term, convinced those present, that she was loved and respected by every scholar in school. Progress very good. Register perfect. The compositions, read by John A. Small, Ella C. Folsom and Dora E. Lee, were very interesting.

District No. 7—Isaac Bennett, Prud. Com. Summer School. Miss Nettie J. Plummer, teacher. This teacher was young and inexperienced, this being her first school. At my first visit, the school appeared fairly, but at the close, there was a lack of interest on the part of the scholars, and the progress was not what it ought to have been, considering the small number of scholars and the length of the term.

Winter School. Miss M. Josie Glidden, teacher. This appeared to be a very quiet and orderly school. Teacher seemed to be engaged in her work. Although there were

some local disturbances, which for a time retarded the progress, yet at the examination, the improvement made by those who had made efforts to improve, was satisfactory. The teacher remarked that "the scholars have been very kind to me, and obedient to the rules, and it has been a very pleasant school."

District No. 8—Daniel Glidden, Prud., Com. Summer School, Miss Mary R. Pease Teacher. This was the second term the teacher has taught in this district. The instruction was thorough. The classes in mental arithmetic, grammar and history, were commendable to both teacher and scholars. She allowed no scholar to pass over any part they did not understand. Whispering was strictly forbidden and everything in the school room was in order. Suffice to say that this school was second to none in town.

Winter School, Miss Fannie D. Pearson, teacher. Miss Pearsons commenced this school in her usual manner, manifesting the same interest for her pupils. Though we were not present at the close we feel assured from our acquaintance with the school and teacher that a pleasant and profitable school was the result.

District No. 9—John M. Roberts, Prud., Com. Summer School, Miss Amanda S. Weeks, teacher. I was favorably impressed with the appearance of the school. The teacher labored with much patience and perseverance, the scholars seemed well disposed and interested in their studies. The school closing at a very busy season, quite a large number of the large scholars were absent so that the progress could not be so well determined, but those that were present did credit to themselves and honor to their teacher.

Winter School, Miss Emma H. Page, teacher. She was young and but little was known of her former success as a teacher, she never before having taught in this town. Her untiring efforts for the improvement of her pupils were crowned with success. She was beloved by her scholars and was thorough and practical in her manner of instruction. The improvement considering the length of the term was not excelled by any in town. She had the support of the parents, and from what we can learn, could her services again be obtained it would promote the interest of the district.

District No. 10—Samuel N. Jewett, Prud., Com. Summer School, Miss Marrilla A. Farrar, teacher. This was a small school composed of small scholars, yet they manifes-

ted a good degree of interest in their studies and the improvement was all that could be expected for a term of only six weeks.

Winter School, same teacher. It gives ample evidence that Miss Farrar's labor as an energetic and efficient teacher are appreciated by being employed the third term in this district. Quite a number of large scholars attended this term making the school more interesting. They seemed to have a thorough understanding of the rudiments of the various studies they had pursued. The large number of visits from the parents speak well for the interest they have taken in the school.

District No. 11—Charles E. Heath, Prud. Com. Summer School Miss Francis M. Heath, teacher. This was the smallest school in town, but we doubt if another has made greater advancement. The teacher gave her undivided attention to the wants of her scholars, who manifested a good degree of interest. At the examination not one question was missed or answered incorrectly.

Winter school, Miss Fannie F. Lincoln, teacher. This teacher graduated at the Concord High School and came here well recommended by her teacher. There was some outside talk in regard to the order and management of this school yet upon the whole it is thought she did as well as beginners generally. The scholars made fair progress and seemed orderly and obedient.

District No. 12—A. D. Leighton, Prud. Com. Winter School (one term) Allan J. Hackett, teacher. In this district they have a liberal portion of school money, but barely escaped having no school at all from a great "scarcity of children" by importing a few scholars into the district, a school commenced under the instruction of Mr. Hackett, who is a good scholar and though it was his first school, he proved an exemplary teacher, and the proficiency made by the scholars in their several studies, would have done credit to a veteran teacher. The teacher thus remarked in the register: "The school has not been difficult to manage as most of the scholars have been well disposed and obedient, and I would mention Fannie M. Wells and Gertie E. Swain whom I would recommend as model scholars."

In conclusion permit me to suggest that great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers, something more than a mere knowledge of books is required, practical education, rather than theoretical, is desirable, that children may be fitted for the realities of the life upon

which they are entering. Again, a teacher may be well qualified for one school and yet totally unfitted for another, a fact too often overlooked by Prudential Committees, as well as by teachers themselves. Parents make a great mistake in not becoming personally acquainted with teachers and schools, and not unfrequently find fault with both when they have no actual knowledge of either. Insubordination in school is in many instances produced or increased by parents giving too much heed to complaints of children, without knowing the other side of the story. In nine cases in ten it will be found that the teacher is in the right and the pupil in the wrong. The usefulness of schools may be greatly increased and teachers aided by refraining from a hasty interference between teacher and scholars. Teachers of course are sometimes in the wrong, and there are but few scholars but that at times need some correction.

Our common school system should be made as near perfect as our means will permit, for through it a very large proportion of the children in the state receive all the schooling they ever obtain.

**E. G. LADD, School Committee.**

## Statistical Table.

		Wages per month including board	Length of S. in week	Whole No. Scholars	Average attendance	Instance of tardiness	No. of dismissals.	No. S. not ab. 1-2 day	No. months taught before this term.	No. visits by citizens.	No. visits by S. Com	No. visits by P. Com
1	Summer	*10	8	11	8	23	30	1	13	10	2	
	Winter	25	9	12	9	18	3	1	54	9	2	2
2	Summer	17	6	13	9	9	3	7	00	5	2	
	Winter	20	8	15	11	20	8	0	12	14	3	1
3	Summer	21	6	9	8	5	3	3	33	7	2	
	Winter	25	10	14	11	33	10	4	00	12	2	
4	Summer	22	7	20	18	11	24	6	11	20	2	
	Winter	28	7	29	27	13	1	13	34	19	1	1
5	S. & F.	*28	17	53	38	4	5	4		25	3	2
	Winter	*32	14	46	39	19	4	5	35	25	2	
6	Summer	18	10	16	13	13	18	3	38	34	2	
	Winter	20	8	19	17	11	10	6	40	2	2	
7	Summer	*6	10	13	12	19	28	5	00	16	2	
	Winter	23	11	15	13	15	8	6	18	9	2	1
8	Summer	*12	19	23	20	3	10	6	9	22	2	
	Winter	24	10	24	19	00	00	5		7	1	
9	Summer	20	7	21	16	32	26	2	10	12	2	
	Winter	20	10	21	18	12	9	3	3	13	2	
10	Summer	15 1-3	6	10	9	23	3	4	7	4	2	1
	Winter	22	11	15	12	32	11	4	8	23	2	1
11	Summer	*10	9	4	4	2	2	1	13	9	2	1
	Winter	*10	13	7	6	6	1	1	1	7	2	1
12	Winter	16	9	6	5	44	7	1	0	9	2	3

\*Board given.



















